

Caltrans MS4: Setting State-wide Policy on MS4 Permits

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Gardena, Glendora, Irwindale, Lomita, Lawndale, San Dimas, San Fernando,
San Gabriel, South El Monte, and West Covina***

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- Cities support Caltrans MS4 permit
 - Creates a template for standardizing MS4 permits
 - Contains features in keeping with federal stormwater regulations and State water quality orders
 - Sets the compliance point at the outfall – not the receiving water
 - Calls for BMP water quality based effluent limitations for complying with water quality standards/TMDLs instead of numeric effluent limitations
 - Limits the non-stormwater prohibition to the MS4, not through or from it
 - Provides a clear explanation of receiving water limitations that limit compliance to water quality standards attained at the outfall/end-of-pipe through stormwater quality management plans
 - Clearly defines the iterative process and its relationship to receiving water limitations



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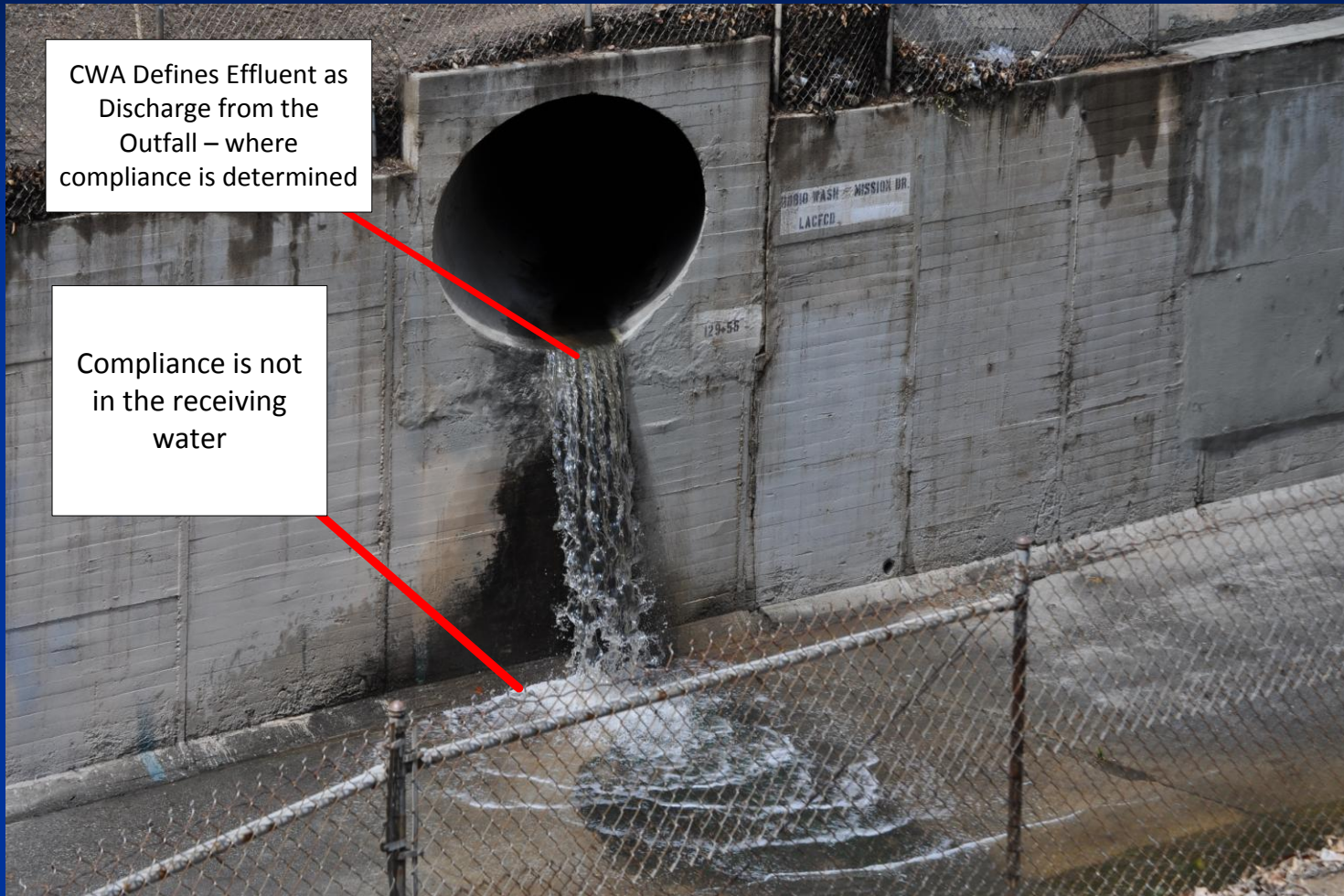
- Cities support Caltrans MS4 permit
 - Recommendations
 - Tighten-up receiving water language in accordance with CASQA and State-wide Stormwater Coalition recommendations
 - Clarify the purpose of ambient monitoring making it clear that it is not the same as wet-weather monitoring and is not used exclusively for compliance purposes



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CWA Defines Effluent as
Discharge from the
Outfall – where
compliance is determined

Compliance is not
in the receiving
water



Thanks!